



Morning Highlights

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****Highlights will next be updated on Monday, August 20****

RESOURCE ASSIGNMENTS TO THE LOWER 48

- **EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTER CREWS:** Five Emergency Firefighter (EFF) crews leave for Montana today where they have been ordered for three different fires. The Venetie #2 crew is assigned to the Rat Creek Fire; Fairbanks #1, Fairbanks #3, and Northway #1 are assigned to the Black Cat Fire; and Huslia #2 is assigned to the Jocko Lakes Fire.
- **AGENCY CREWS:** The Chena, Midnight Sun and Denali Hotshots, the Pioneer Peak Type 1 crew, and the Alaska #2, #3 and #4 Type 2 crews are currently assigned.
- **OVERHEAD:** In addition to crews, 419 people from agencies throughout Alaska are on fires in the Lower-48 (as of August 16).

NATIONAL WILDLAND FIRE INFORMATION

Wildland fires are active and conditions have been dry and windy. Idaho and Montana have a total of 31 large fires burning 1,074,562 acres, source: http://www.nifc.gov/fire_info/nfn.htm

ALASKA FIRE INFORMATION

The Swan Lake Fire, burning on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, is 1,700 acres and located 24 miles east of Soldotna. It has been designated a Wildland Fire Use fire which means it is being managed for the natural benefits it provides for the ecosystem.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

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